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## Letter from Charles Manning Field, 1905-12-26, Brooklyn, N.Y., to Adeline Manning, Boston, Mass.

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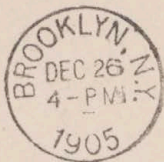
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[Charles M. Field] Charles F.



Miss Eddy C. Manning  
The Charlesgate  
Boston  
Mass.

was very good to us all,  
and left lots of good  
things here.

My vacation began  
last Wednesday and lasts  
three weeks — a long one  
is it not? I passed my  
examinations all right and  
am ready for another  
term of hard work. As

158 Hicks Street,  
Brooklyn,  
N. Y.

Dear Aunt Addy,  
Again  
Christmas time has come,  
and with it your unfailing  
and very generous gift,  
for which I wish to thank  
you very much indeed.  
As usual, Santa Claus



yet I am undecided what I shall do after I leave college, but of one thing I am quite certain, and that is, that before I settle down to anything at all, I must have more Experience, better acquaintance with the ways of the world in general, a broader-mindedness, and more practical knowledge. And to attain these important qualifications in the best manner possible, I am going to travel about for a year or so, not as a sight-seer or pleasure-seeker, but as a worker and a student of social conditions. If you have read "The Workers" by Walter C. Wykoff, you will be able to understand exactly what

way to begin. One year of practical experience is worth ten of study.

I have not yet made any definite plans as to just where I shall go, but I think it will probably be either out West, or in the coal mines of Pennsylvania I am afraid Father will

I mean. Since I have never had to earn my own bread and butter, I do not know how to do it, and to start right out for myself, and entirely dependent on my own energy and muscle, as soon as college is over seems to me the very best



not be very much pleased with  
my idea, but I have thought  
the matter over carefully and I  
am fully convinced that what  
I have decided is for the best.

What do you think about it?  
It is very kind of you to take  
so much interest in me, and I  
hope that what I do, either  
now or later, will not be a disap-  
pointment to you.

Hoping that you enjoyed a  
very Merry Christmas, and wishing  
you a Happy New Year,  
I am

Your affectionate nephew,  
Charles M. Field

Dec. 26, 1904.